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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### natal

*adj.* relating to birth or the place of one's birth; connected with the beginning or origin of something

*synonym* : birth, nativity, born

(1) **natal** chart, (2) **natal** clinic

The mother-to-be attended **natal** classes to prepare for the birth of her first child.

### storytelling

*n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories

*synonym* : narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

### sculpt

*v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques

*synonym* : carve, mold, shape

(1) **sculpt** an image, (2) **sculpt** prototype

He spent hours every day **sculpting** figures out of clay.

### dusty

*adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air

*synonym* : stale, filthy, grimy

(1) **dusty** road, (2) **dusty** bookshelf

The abandoned warehouse was covered in a thick layer of **dusty** debris.

## **vault**

*n.* a large room or chamber used for storage, often for valuables such as money, documents, or artwork; (verb) to leap or jump over something; to move quickly or suddenly

*synonym*: safe, strongbox, coffer

(1) **vault** door, (2) **vault** from five to fifty percent

The government **vault** contains top-secret documents and classified information that only a few individuals can access.

## **waggle**

*v.* to move or swing back and forth or from side to side in a playful or teasing manner; to move unsteadily or irregularly

*synonym*: wiggle, sway, joggle

(1) **waggle** my backside, (2) **waggle** fingers

The bird would **waggle** its tail feathers excitedly when it saw its favorite food.

## **humming**

*adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

*synonym*: buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

## **conjure**

*v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination

*synonym*: summon, evoke, call forth

(1) **conjure** evil spirits away, (2) **conjure** a vision

The magician **conjured** up a rabbit out of thin air.

## **snail**

*n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body

*synonym*: escargot, slug, whelk

(1) **snail** mail, (2) **snail** pace

The gardener found a **snail** slowly making its way through the lettuce patch.

## blush

v. to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty

*synonym*: flush, redden, glow

(1) **blush** bright red, (2) **blush** for my mistake

She **blushed** when the boy complimented her.

## nostril

n. either of the two openings in the nose through which air is breathed

*synonym*: nose hole, nasal passage, naris

(1) bleeding **nostril**, (2) clogged **nostril**

She had a tissue ready to wipe her **nostril** after a sneeze.

## squish

v. to crush or press something so that it becomes flat or distorted

*synonym*: crush, smash, squeeze

(1) **squish** the ellipse, (2) **squish** a tomato

He **squished** the insect between his fingers to get rid of it.

## squash

v. to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully

*synonym*: smash, crush, compress

(1) **squash** a package, (2) **squash** a rebellion

I like to **squash** my grapes when making homemade wine.

## skim

v. to read something quickly to get a general idea of its contents; to remove any unwanted or unnecessary material from the surface of a liquid; to glide smoothly or briefly over a surface

*synonym*: glance, scan, skitter

(1) **skim** off the top, (2) **skim** the surface of the water

I like to **skim** the newspaper headlines in the morning to catch up on the news.

## nurture

*v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

*synonym* : boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

## motto

*n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

*synonym* : slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

## magician

*n.* a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects

*synonym* : illusionist, conjurer, wizard

(1) **magician's** hat, (2) street **magician**

The children were delighted with the **magician's** clever tricks.

## overhear

*v.* to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge

*synonym* : catch, eavesdrop

(1) happen to **overhear** a conversation, (2) accidentally **overheard** their talk

She was inside at the time and **overheard** the conversation.

## sausage

*n.* a type of meat product usually made from pork, beef, or poultry, chopped into small pieces, put in a long tube of skin, then cooked or served cold in thin slices

*synonym* : bratwurst, wurst, frankfurter

(1) beef **sausage**, (2) German **sausage**

The mother sliced off a piece of **sausage**.

## reassure

*v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

*synonym* : comfort, soothe, bolster

(1) **reassure** anxious patients, (2) **reassure** market

The pilot tried to **reassure** the customers that the planes were safe.

## opportune

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

*synonym* : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## restrain

*v.* to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses

*synonym* : restrict, limit, control

(1) **restrain** from violence, (2) **restrain** a child

The police had to **restrain** the suspect after he became violent during the arrest.

## blandness

*n.* the quality or state of being bland, lacking in flavor, excitement, or interest; dullness or monotony

*synonym* : dullness, insipidity, monotony

(1) emotional **blandness**, (2) dull **blandness**

The **blandness** of the music left the audience unenthused.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. re\_\_\_\_re market *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
2. beef sa\_\_\_\_e *n.* a type of meat product usually made from pork, beef, or poultry, chopped into small pieces, put in a long tube of skin, then cooked or served cold in thin slices
3. na\_\_l clinic *adj.* relating to birth or the place of one's birth; connected with the beginning or origin of something
4. va\_\_t door *n.* a large room or chamber used for storage, often for valuables such as money, documents, or artwork; (verb) to leap or jump over something; to move quickly or suddenly
5. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
6. sn\_\_l mail *n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
7. bl\_\_h bright red *v.* to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty
8. ma\_\_\_\_\_an's hat *n.* a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects
9. emotional bl\_\_\_\_\_ss *n.* the quality or state of being bland, lacking in flavor, excitement, or interest; dullness or monotony

ANSWERS: 1. reassure, 2. sausage, 3. natal, 4. vault, 5. opportune, 6. snail, 7. blush, 8. magician, 9. blandness

10. dull bl\_\_\_\_\_ss      *n.* the quality or state of being bland, lacking in flavor, excitement, or interest; dullness or monotony
11. du\_\_y bookshelf      *adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air
12. bleeding no\_\_\_\_\_l      *n.* either of the two openings in the nose through which air is breathed
13. accidentally ov\_\_\_\_\_ard their talk      *v.* to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge
14. sn\_\_l pace      *n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
15. va\_\_t from five to fifty percent      *n.* a large room or chamber used for storage, often for valuables such as money, documents, or artwork; (verb) to leap or jump over something; to move quickly or suddenly
16. wa\_\_\_e fingers      *v.* to move or swing back and forth or from side to side in a playful or teasing manner; to move unsteadily or irregularly
17. co\_\_\_\_\_e a vision      *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
18. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
19. street ma\_\_\_\_\_an      *n.* a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects

ANSWERS: 10. blandness, 11. dusty, 12. nostril, 13. overhear, 14. snail, 15. vault, 16. waggle, 17. conjure, 18. opportune, 19. magician

20. sq\_\_\_h a package      *v.* to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully
21. sq\_\_\_h a tomato      *v.* to crush or press something so that it becomes flat or distorted
22. bl\_\_\_h for my mistake      *v.* to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty
23. clogged no\_\_\_\_\_l      *n.* either of the two openings in the nose through which air is breathed
24. nu\_\_\_\_\_e his talents      *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
25. sto\_\_\_\_\_ing performance      *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
26. sc\_\_\_t an image      *v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
27. sq\_\_\_h the ellipse      *v.* to crush or press something so that it becomes flat or distorted
28. hu\_\_\_\_\_g sound      *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
29. na\_\_l chart      *adj.* relating to birth or the place of one's birth; connected with the beginning or origin of something
30. sq\_\_\_h a rebellion      *v.* to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully
31. s\_\_\_m the surface of the water      *v.* to read something quickly to get a general idea of its contents; to remove any unwanted or unnecessary material from the surface of a liquid; to glide smoothly or briefly over a surface

ANSWERS: 20. squash, 21. squish, 22. blush, 23. nostril, 24. nurture, 25. storytelling, 26. sculpt, 27. squish, 28. humming, 29. natal, 30. squash, 31. skim



32. hu\_\_\_\_g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
33. courtroom sto\_\_\_\_\_ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
34. the mo\_\_o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
35. German sa\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a type of meat product usually made from pork, beef, or poultry, chopped into small pieces, put in a long tube of skin, then cooked or served cold in thin slices
36. wa\_\_\_e my backside *v.* to move or swing back and forth or from side to side in a playful or teasing manner; to move unsteadily or irregularly
37. co\_\_\_\_\_e evil spirits away *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
38. re\_\_\_\_\_in from violence *v.* to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses
39. du\_\_y road *adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air
40. company mo\_\_o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
41. s\_\_m off the top *v.* to read something quickly to get a general idea of its contents; to remove any unwanted or unnecessary material from the surface of a liquid; to glide smoothly or briefly over a surface

ANSWERS: 32. humming, 33. storytelling, 34. motto, 35. sausage, 36. waggle, 37. conjure, 38. restrain, 39. dusty, 40. motto, 41. skim

42. happen to ov\_\_\_\_\_ar a conversation      v. to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge
43. re\_\_\_\_\_re anxious patients      v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
44. sc\_\_\_\_\_t prototype      v. to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
45. re\_\_\_\_\_in a child      v. to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses
46. nu\_\_\_\_\_e love      v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

ANSWERS: 42. overhear, 43. reassure, 44. sculpt, 45. restrain, 46. nurture

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She \_\_\_\_\_ when the boy complimented her.  
*v.* to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty
2. Schools should \_\_\_\_\_ children's mutual interest spirit.  
*v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
3. The police had to \_\_\_\_\_ the suspect after he became violent during the arrest.  
*v.* to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses
4. The government \_\_\_\_\_ contains top-secret documents and classified information that only a few individuals can access.  
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5. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
6. He spent hours every day \_\_\_\_\_ figures out of clay.  
*v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.  
*adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

ANSWERS: 1. blushed, 2. nurture, 3. restrain, 4. vault, 5. opportune, 6. sculpting, 7. humming

8. I like to \_\_\_\_\_ the newspaper headlines in the morning to catch up on the news.
- v. to read something quickly to get a general idea of its contents; to remove any unwanted or unnecessary material from the surface of a liquid; to glide smoothly or briefly over a surface
9. The children were delighted with the \_\_\_\_\_ clever tricks.
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- v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
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- v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
12. The company's \_\_\_\_\_ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.
- n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
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14. The bird would \_\_\_\_\_ its tail feathers excitedly when it saw its favorite food.
- v. to move or swing back and forth or from side to side in a playful or teasing manner; to move unsteadily or irregularly
15. I like to \_\_\_\_\_ my grapes when making homemade wine.
- v. to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully

ANSWERS: 8. skim, 9. magician's, 10. conjured, 11. reassure, 12. motto, 13. natal, 14. waggle, 15. squash

16. The gardener found a \_\_\_\_\_ slowly making its way through the lettuce patch.  
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*n.* the quality or state of being bland, lacking in flavor, excitement, or interest; dullness or monotony
18. She was skilled in \_\_\_\_\_ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.  
*n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
19. He \_\_\_\_\_ the insect between his fingers to get rid of it.  
*v.* to crush or press something so that it becomes flat or distorted
20. The mother sliced off a piece of \_\_\_\_\_.  
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21. She was inside at the time and \_\_\_\_\_ the conversation.  
*v.* to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge
22. She had a tissue ready to wipe her \_\_\_\_\_ after a sneeze.  
*n.* either of the two openings in the nose through which air is breathed
23. The abandoned warehouse was covered in a thick layer of \_\_\_\_\_ debris.  
*adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air

ANSWERS: 16. snail, 17. blandness, 18. storytelling, 19. squished, 20. sausage, 21. overheard, 22. nostril, 23. dusty